

“HOW CAN I KNOW I AM SAVED”

(I Jno. 5:13)

“13 These things have I written unto you, that ye may know that ye have eternal life, even unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God,” I Jno. 5:13. How many times, during my life, have I been asked, **“Can I know I am in a saved condition?”** I believe we can know, and the Lord has abundantly supplied evidence; so, **we can know** we are in a saved condition.

The New Testament is written that **we may know** when we have complied with the Lord’s **stan-dard**. **There are twenty-seven books of the New Testament that teach us how to live, what to believe, and what to do**, that we may go to heaven. Did God in his revelation to man succeed; or, are the instructions incomplete - in adequate? Listen to Paul’s instructions in Acts 20:32, *“32 And now I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you the inheritance among all them that are sanctified.”* According to the apostle Paul, there **is** provided sufficient information: *“16 Every scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness: 17 that the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work,”* II Tim. 3:16-17. God has provided adequate instructions for us to know what to do, to be saved!

Since God has provided adequate information for us to go to heaven and all that is needed is laid out in his Gospel, Rom. 1:16 – **Do we believe it?** Several years ago, in Mt. Pleasant, Tx; I baptized a young lady with a family, husband and children. About three weeks after baptism, she called and wanted to talk with me. I stopped by her house on my way home for lunch. She invited me in and stated she just had one question: *“How do I know, when I was baptized that I received the remission of my sins?”* I asked her if she believed the Bible? and she answered in the affirmative. I then showed her what was said in Acts 2:38, that she received the remission of her sins, when she was baptized. Now, I made the point, God said it, do you believe? Her answer to me was, **“That is what I wanted to know.”** We all need to have that kind of faith, in the word of God. **God said it and we believe it!**

From I Cor. 6:11, *“11 And such were some of you: but ye were washed, but ye were sanctified, but ye were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God.”* According to Rom. 6:4, when one is buried with the Lord in baptism and is raised to walk in newness of life – he has just that **“newness of life.”** Should the person who is now walking in newness of life die at the time of arising from the watery grave of baptism, at that moment, we all know he would be saved; or, he would go to heaven.

If then I were to make the same application to **obedience to all of the commandments** of the Lord and know that I am in compliance with all that is commanded, I can have the same thought while I am living the Christian life. I am in a saved condition! Paul says, concerning all of the bad things done in life, if we have complied with the commandments of the Lord: *“13 Brethren, I count not myself yet to have laid hold: but one thing I do, forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before, 14 I press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus,”* Phil. 3:13-14. Paul, in another place, said: *“7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith: 8 henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day; and not to me only, but also to all them that have loved his appearing,”* II Tim. 4:7-8. So, you see what John said is so true, *“13 These things have I written unto you, that ye may know that ye have eternal life,”* I Jno. 5:13.

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